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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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In re the Application of

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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
SYSTEM, IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS, IMAGE INPUT SYSTEM AND  
INFORMATION EXCHANGE METHOD

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**  
**AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Continuing Application based on the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response having expired on June 20, 2006, an extension of time for a period of two months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 183168 in the amount of \$ 450.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17.

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